

Atty Docket No. KOIK-P9143**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL SIGNALS AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING DIGITAL SIGNALS AS WELL AS SIGNAL RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto or X was filed on February 9, 1999 (International Filing Date) as International Application no. PCT/JP99/00556 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No
P10-027585 ✓ Number	Japan Country	09 February 1998 ✓ Day/Month/Year Filed	X	
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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